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- (1) Has the purpose of depriving the owner of the property; or
- (2) Willfully or knowingly uses, conceals, or abandons the property in such manner as to deprive the owner of the property; or
- (3) Uses, conceals, or abandons the property knowing the use, concealment, or abandonment probably will deprive the owner of the property.
- (b) A person commits the offense of theft when he willfully or knowingly uses deception to obtain and does obtain control over property of the owner, and:
 - (1) Has the purpose of depriving the owner of the property; or
- (2) Willfully or knowingly uses, conceals, or abandons the property in such manner as to deprive the owner of the property; or
- (3) Uses, conceals, or abandons the property knowing such use, concealment, or abandonment probably will deprive the owner of the property.
- (c) (1) A person commits the offense of theft if he possesses stolen personal property knowing that it has been stolen, or believing that it has probably been stolen, and:
 - (i) Has the purpose of depriving the owner of the property; or
- (ii) Willfully or knowingly uses, conceals, or abandons the property in such manner as to deprive the owner of the property; or
- (iii) Uses, conceals, or abandons the property knowing such use, concealment, or abandonment probably will deprive the owner of the property.
- (2) The requisite knowledge may be inferred in the case of a person in the business of buying or selling goods who:
- (i) Is found in possession or control of property stolen from two or more persons on separate occasions; or
- (ii) During the year preceding the criminal possession charged, has acquired stolen property in a separate transaction; or
- (iii) Being a person in the business of buying or selling property of the sort possessed, acquired it for a consideration which he knew was far below its reasonable value.
- (3) In any prosecution for theft by possession of stolen property under this section, it is not a defense that:
- (i) The person who stole the property has not been convicted, apprehended, or identified; or
- (ii) The defendant stole or participated in the stealing of the property; or
 - (iii) The stealing of the property did not occur in this State.